The next requirement of Shencotta was some pasture land for cattle. He said that an agricultural farm and a manure depot should also be established at Shencotta.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Shencotta.

46. The agricultural requirements of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

The Revd. Kora Mathan Malpan (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) requested that, in the best interests of agriculture, an agricultural farm and a manure depot should be established on the bank of the Muvattupuzha river. A veterinary hospital should also be opened at Muvattupuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened in a suitable locality such as would serve the Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad taluks.

47. The need for the establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) conveyed the sincere thanks of the people of the taluk for having given them an English school and a dispensary.

Proceeding to his subject, he said that agriculture was in its primitive condition in the taluk. The soil was not also very fertile, only very few lands being fit for a double crop. The tiller of the soil was conservative by instinct and temperament and the only way to improve the condition was to demonstrate things to the people in their own fields. He therefore prayed for the early establishment of an agricultural farm at Perumbavur. The farm would also benefit the adjoining taluks of Alangad, Muvattupuzha, Thodupuzha and Parur.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A single manure depot should suffice for the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Kunnathnad; and that will be opened.

48. The establishment of an experimental farm and a manure depot at Parur.

Mr. T. N. Atchutha Panicker (Member, Parur taluk) said that, though it was several years since the Agricultural Department was created, his taluk did not derive any benefit from it. The Members from the taluk had been repeatedly praying for an agricultural farm and a manure depot at Parur in previous Sessions of the Assembly, but nothing came out of it also. He therefore ventured to reiterate the request and prayed that it might receive sympathetic consideration.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. A manure depot will be opened at Parur.

49. The question of grazing lands and stray cattle nuisance.

Mr. Edwin Vincent (Member, the Mundakayam Planters' Association) said that he had to complain of cattle straying on the road-side and causing damage to the adjoining property. With a view to obviate as much as possible the inconvenience, he was requested by his Association to ask the Government for 1,000 acres of grazing area. Should it be considered too much, he would be satisfied with a smaller area, if by any means that would increase their security against damage. He also asked for the establishment of a cattle-pound. The nearest pound was now at Peermade. The Association was prepared to erect a pound at its expense, if sanction was given.

Dewan.—A reply has been sent to you to say that, if you will put up a building and give it over to the Government, a pound will be at once opened.

The Member said that the Association would put up a building accordingly.

He next dwelt on the need for a cart-stand on the Kottayam-Kumili road. There was none at present, although about 200 bandies were halting on the road daily. He added that it was necessary to have some grazing grounds also. About 1,500 acres

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